

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 15, 2001

Upon Recess of BMA

Mayor Baines called the meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll. There were thirteen Aldermen present.

Present: Aldermen Wihby, Gatsas, Levasseur, Sysyn, Pinard, O'Neil, Lopez, Shea, Vaillancourt, Pariseau, Cashin, Thibault, Hirschmann

Absent: Alderman Clancy

Messrs.: Howard Tawney

Mayor Baines addressed item 3 of the agenda:

3. Report of the Committee on Community Improvement recommending that all expedited projects having been funded in the FY2001 CIP be deleted from the FY2002 CIP appropriating resolution.

Alderman Lopez moved to accept the report of the Committee on CIP. Alderman Shea duly second the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines addressed item 4 of the agenda:

4. Report of the Committee on Community Improvement recommending that proposed changes to the FY 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 Community Improvement Programs, as attached, be approved. The committee notes that such changes have been proposed as a result of the FY2002 CIP budget discussions. Amending resolutions and budget authorizations shall be submitted at a later date for the 1999 through 2001 programs; and it is recommended that the Committee on Finance amend the FY2002 CIP appropriating resolution in accordance with the proposed changes.

Alderman Pariseau moved to accept the second report of the Committee on CIP. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines addressed item 5 of the agenda:

5. Appropriating Resolution:

"Approving the Community Improvement Program for 2002,
Raising and Appropriating Monies Therefore and Authorizing
Implementation of Said Program."

On motion of Alderman O'Neil, duly seconded by Alderman Sysyn it was voted that the appropriating resolution be read by title only, and it was so done.

A. Pursuant to the first report of the Committee on Community Improvement, a motion is in order to amend the resolution as follows:

- a) amend page 3, paragraph 1 of the resolution by deleting the amount of \$11,000,000.00 and replacing it with the amount of \$1,525,000.00;**
- b) amend Table 4 General Obligations Bonds of the resolution by deleting projects as follows:**
 - 310402 School Capital Improvement Program (\$2,100,000)**
 - 310502 McLaughlin Middle School Addition (\$3,100,000)**
 - 511102 Parks Capital Improvement (\$1,340,000)**
 - 711502 Public Works Infrastructure Improvements (\$1,485,000)**
 - 711602 Parking Facility Maintenance Program (\$450,000)**
 - 810902 City Motorized Equipment Replacement (\$1,000,000)**

Alderman Thibault moved to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined in Item 5A. Alderman Wihby duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

B. Pursuant to the second report of the Committee on Community Improvement, a motion is in order to amend the resolution as follows:

- a) amend page 2, paragraph 6 of the resolution by deleting the amount of \$2,712,400 in municipal funds and replacing it with \$2,754,742.76**

b) amend Table 3 City Cash of the resolution by adding funds to projects as follows:

- **215202 Reach 2010**
add \$4,000.00 for a new total of \$14,000.00
- **310202 Employee Development**
add \$15,000.00 for a new total of \$45,000.00
- **511002 Park Improvement Program**
add \$33,342.76 for a new total of \$113,342.76
(\$53,342.76 to be earmarked for Raco Theodore)

c) amend Table 3 City Cash of the resolution by deleting funds as follows:

- **810602 Color City Map for Public Distribution**
delete \$10,000.00 resulting in deletion of project (\$0)

d) amend page 3, paragraph 2 of the resolution by deleting the amount of \$22,931,290.00 and replacing it with \$23,381,290.00

e) amend Table 5 Project financed through Enterprises, Fees, and other Dedicated Sources of the resolution by increasing a project as follows:

- **711902 Chlorine Building Floor Replacement by \$450,000.00 for a new total of \$600,000.00**

Alderman Pinard moved to amend the appropriating resolution as outlined in Item 5B. Alderman Lopez duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Vaillancourt in reference to 310202 Employee Development stated you're adding \$15,000 for the Quality Management Program; that is an additional \$15,000 in addition to the \$30,000 you had before, is that correct.

Mayor Baines replied that is correct.

Alderman Vaillancourt asked the reason for that is...

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied I can't answer that that was an action of the CIP Committee...

Alderman Lopez stated I would like to address it as the HR Chairman. The program of TQM has been in process for the last 13 months. They are now on the verge of producing...next year is very critical. They asked for \$200,000 in this budget and got \$30,000. To implement the City communication with the employees and in producing a newsletter and continuing with the educational process and also to implement a form of tracking those ideas of City employees that have the potential of saving the City money...this next year is very crucial to the whole program and without the additional money they will not be able to provide the necessary documentation and Alderman Sysyn and I both sit on that Committee and are very well aware of it all.

Alderman Vaillancourt stated I'd like to be opposed to this item, your Honor, I don't think this is money well-spent, I don't think we need to spend this extra money and, of course, if you spend this money here you can't spend it for something else. It's just not a priority I can possibly support, so I want to be recorded as opposed to that item only.

Deputy Clerk Johnson stated if there is going to be an opposition to any portion of the amendment it would be the amendment in its entirety unless someone wants to rescind their motion and perhaps make a motion to all items except for that one, so that Alderman Vaillancourt can oppose it separately.

Mayor Baines asked couldn't the Chair just allow the record to note that he expressed his opposition.

Deputy Clerk Johnson replied we have to certify these Resolutions, so it becomes a problem for us, we really would like that to be taken out. If he wants to oppose the entire amendment or perhaps Alderman Pinard and Alderman Lopez can withdraw their motion.

Mayor Baines stated accept that he's on record as expressing his opposition, okay.

Alderman Shea stated the only point is if Alderman Lopez could explain a little bit more about how the money is spent, I'm not quite sure...I know you need the money for newsletters, just briefly.

Alderman Lopez stated there has to be an Awards Program set up as to rewarding the employees for their time and effort and ideas that come forward. As to the extent of those awards, it could be a plaque, it could be certificates, it could even be a cash award, who knows. They're in the process of making this whole program work and many employees have spent countless hours to get to this point.

I think to delete it at this particular point would not give faith to the employees that are trying to really work with the City and I think...I don't have my particular document that Maureen gave me, but maybe you could enlighten the Board just a little bit better.

Mr. Tawney stated we scaled our budget back considerably and this is a crucial item as far as being able to communicate with the employees throughout the City...that has been one of the major problems of this City is not being able to communicate policies and ideas and other items to the employees throughout the City and we have identified that and in the newsletter we have been trying to do that and increasing from a quarterly publication to something that will be out every other month and that's going to take up most of this money. Now, the additional funds to be able to provide some kind of recognition for the employees that do come up with ideas is important...not so much a monetary fund, but something that we can give employees to show the gratitude of the City for being able to save money for the City.

Alderman Shea stated there will be a presentation before the HR Committee, at some time, so there will be some accountability.

Mr. Tawney replied yes, I will work that out.

Mayor Baines called for a vote on the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil moved that the Appropriating Resolution ought to pass and layover as amended. Alderman Pinard duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines addressed item 6 of the agenda:

6. Resolutions:

"Amending the 1992, 1996, 1999, and 2001 Community Improvement Program, transferring, and authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the 2001 CIP 420301 - Hazardous Materials Disposal Project."

"Amending the 2000 & 2001 Community Improvement Programs, transferring, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) for the 2001 CIP 710401 Downtown Area Maintenance Projects."

"Amending the 2000 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) for the 2000 CIP 410900 - Gang Interdiction Program."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and Seventy Nine Cents (\$29,880.79) for the 2001 CIP 411001 - Weed & Seed Coordinators."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Two Hundred Ninety Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$299,354) for the 2001 CIP 411101 - Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies & EPO Program."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Hundred Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$307,243) for the 2001 CIP 411201 - COPS MORE."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$3,945.60) for the 2001 CIP 411301 - NH CLIQUE Campaign Patrols."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for the 2001 CIP 411401 - Underage Drinking Enforcement Initiative Program."

"Amending the 2001 Community Improvement Program, authorizing and appropriating funds in the amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the 2001 CIP 710201 LED Replacement Program."

Alderman Pariseau moved that the Resolutions be read by titles only. Alderman Thibault duly seconded the motion.

Alderman Pariseau moved to dispense with the reading by titles only of the Resolutions. Alderman O'Neil duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Alderman O'Neil moved that the Resolutions ought to pass and be Enrolled. Alderman Lopez duly seconded the motion. There being none opposed, the motion carried.

Mayor Baines addressed item 7 of the agenda:

7. CIP Budget Authorizations:

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| 2000 | 410900 | Gang Interdiction Programs - Revision #1 |
| 2000 | 712000 | Downtown Parking Improvements - Revision #1 |
| 2001 | 411001 | Weed & Seed Coordinators |
| 2001 | 411101 | Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies & EPO Program |
| 2001 | 411201 | COPS MORE 2001 |
| 2001 | 411301 | NH CLIQUE Campaign Patrols |
| 2001 | 411401 | Underage Drinking Enforcement Initiative |
| 2001 | 420301 | Hazardous Materials Disposal Project |
| 2001 | 710201 | LED Replacement Program |
| 2001 | 710401 | Downtown Area Maintenance - Revision #1 |

On motion of Alderman Pinard, duly seconded by Alderman Shea, it was voted that the CIP budget authorizations be approved, subject to the final adoption of related resolutions.

TABLED ITEM

- 8.** Communication from the Public Works Director requesting an appropriation of \$33,000 from contingency to the Building Maintenance Division operating budget to cover PSNH costs in connection with French Hall.
(Tabled 04/17/01)

This item remained tabled.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion of Alderman Pariseau, duly seconded by Alderman Thibault, it was voted to adjourn.

A True Record. Attest.

Clerk of Committee